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More SS-20s

U. S. officials are using reconnaissance satellite photographs of three new, operational Soviet SS-20 nuclear-armed intermediate-range ballistic missile sites to convince the North Atlantic Treaty Organization the USSR has violated its own ban on continued deployment of the weapon. Each of the sites contains nine of the mobile SS-20 launchers, and each missile has three warheads individually targeted. Deployment of the SS-20s at the three new bases brings operational SS-20s in Europe to a total of 324. The SS-20 has a range in excess of 3,000 naut. mi. Soviet leaders initially proposed to stop further deployment of the SS-20 in exchange for a halt by the U. S. on planned deployment of the ground-launched cruise missile and Pershing 2 ballistic missiles in Europe, and later said they would unilaterally stop SS-20 base construction.